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Glen Kalmakoff P.O. Box KIB Ivanof Bay, AK 996950050

Dear Mr. Kalmakoff:

Thank you for your letter of January 5 concerning a potential road from Ivanof Bay to the airport facility at Stepovak Bay and thank you for the excellent land status map produced by Geomatics International Services. We have also received correspondence from Bay View, Inc. and Bristol Bay Native Corporation on this matter.

We agree the proposed road/airport linkage merits further study. Per a letter from DOT&PF's Jack Melton to Alfred Kalmakoff (Ivanof Bay Village Council) dated November 29, 1999, Ivanof Bay is scheduled to receive an airport master plan update in Federal Fiscal Year 2001. While this action does not guarantee that the road and airport improvements being suggested will occur, they will be fully considered in the process, and Bay View's willingness to offer title and right-of-way will be factored into the evaluation of alternatives. I encourage you to continue the dialog with Jack concerning the specifics of the study.

The aviation analysis for the Southwest Alaska Transportation Plan is not yet started. It will address regional aviation from a system perspective, identifying needs and recommending improvements sequentially to individual airport facilities based on their relation to the overall system as well as their individual safety and operational requirements. I am confident that the Ivanof Bay airport master plan update will not be delayed by the outcome of this analysis and will be included in the plan's recommendations.

Sincerely,

Jeff Ottesen, AICP

-Chief, Statewide Planning

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